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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1463**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Gatto**

February 27, 2015

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An act to add Article 8 (commencing with Section 13558) to Chapter 7 of Division 7 of the Water Code, relating to recycled water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1463, as amended, Gatto. Onsite recycled water.

Existing law requires the State Water Resources Control Board to establish uniform statewide recycling criteria for each varying type of use of recycled water where the use involves the protection of public health.

This bill would require the state board, in consultation with the State Department of Public Health, the California Building Standards Commission, *the Department of Housing and Community Development*, and stakeholders, to establish water quality standards and ~~distribution, monitoring, ongoing monitoring~~ and reporting requirements for onsite water recycling systems ~~prior to authorizing the use of onsite recycled water in internal plumbing of residential and commercial buildings. systems using blackwater. This bill would authorize the Department of Housing and Community Development and the California Building Standards Commission to authorize the use of blackwater in onsite water recycling systems only if prescribed conditions are met.~~

*The California Building Standards Law provides for the adoption of building standards by state agencies by requiring all state agencies that adopt or propose adoption of any building standard to submit the*

*building standard to the California Building Standards Commission for approval and adoption.*

*This bill would require the Department of Housing and Community Development to adopt building standards for all categories of residential and commercial onsite recycled water.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     *SECTION 1. Article 8 (commencing with Section 13558) is*  
2     *added to Chapter 7 of Division 7 of the Water Code, to read:*

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4             *Article 8. Onsite Recycled Water*

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6     13558. *For the purposes of this article, “onsite recycled water”*  
7     *means water, including graywater, rainwater, and other water*  
8     *captured onsite, that has been sourced, treated, and used onsite*  
9     *in a building in a manner that is protective of public health, safety,*  
10    *and the environment. “Onsite recycled water” does not include*  
11    *any blackwater except as provided in Section 13559.*

12    13559. (a) (1) *The state board, in consultation with the State*  
13    *Department of Public Health, the California Building Standards*  
14    *Commission, the Department of Housing and Community*  
15    *Development, and stakeholders, shall establish water quality*  
16    *standards and ongoing monitoring and reporting requirements*  
17    *for onsite water recycling systems using blackwater.*

18    (2) *A local health department may set its own monitoring and*  
19    *reporting standards for onsite recycled water using blackwater*  
20    *until the state board has established standards pursuant to this*  
21    *subdivision.*

22    (b) *The Department of Housing and Community Development*  
23    *shall adopt building standards for all categories of residential and*  
24    *commercial onsite recycled water.*

25    (c) *The Department of Housing and Community Development*  
26    *and the California Building Standards Commission may authorize*  
27    *the use of blackwater in onsite water recycling systems only if both*  
28    *of the following conditions have been met:*

1     *(1) Building standards for the use of blackwater for all*  
2     *categories of residential and commercial onsite blackwater*  
3     *recycling systems have been adopted.*

4     *(2) The state board has developed water quality standards and*  
5     *ongoing monitoring and reporting requirements for the use of*  
6     *blackwater in onsite water recycling systems.*

7     *(d) Until the standards described in subdivisions (a) and (b)*  
8     *have been established, a city, county, or city and county may*  
9     *authorize the use of onsite recycled water in internal plumbing of*  
10    *residential and commercial buildings to the extent allowed by law*  
11    *prior to the addition of this section.*

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21    ~~and the environment. “Onsite recycled water” does not include~~  
22    ~~any water from a toilet, sewer, or onsite wastewater treatment~~  
23    ~~system or septic tank unless the state board has established~~  
24    ~~additional standards, monitoring, and reporting requirements for~~  
25    ~~that water necessary to protect public health, safety, and the~~  
26    ~~environment.~~

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33    ~~commercial buildings.~~